

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/680,877

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/8/2003.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

-On page 1, line 13, "10/__,__" is replaced with --10/680,888--.

-On page 1, line 15, "10/__,__" is replaced with --10/680,876--.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. Claims 1-20 are allowed.
3. References (20020059434), (6600726), (7046649), (6842607) and (7072616) are cited because they are pertinent to the claimed invention.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
 - Regarding to independent claim 1, none of prior art of record teaches or suggests a method of signaling signals from a first radio channel interface to a second radio channel interface via a host processor wherein the method

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comprises procedures of receiving a message at the host processor from a first processor, wherein said first processor performs channel access control for a first radio, and wherein said first radio communicates via a wireless shared communication channel on behalf of said host processor; determining with said host processor that said message is directed to a second processor, and forwarding said first message from said host processor to said second processor, wherein said second processor performs channel-access control for a second radio, and wherein said second radio communicates via said wireless shared-communications channel on behalf of said host processor. References (6842607) and (7072616) teach the claimed invention except that in these references, the message is forwarded directly from the first processor to the second processor, not via the host processor. References (20020059434), (6600726), (7046649) teach the claimed invention except that in these references, the first processor and the second processor do not exchange signals at all, and instead, the first processor and the second processor merely exchange signals to the host processor. It would not have been obvious for a

person skilled in the art to implement either one or a combination of the above references for leading such the implementation to the claimed invention.

–Regarding to independent claims 7 and 13, none of prior art of record teaches or suggests an apparatus comprising a first processor for transmitting a first message, wherein said first processor performs channel-access control for a first radio, and wherein said first radio communicates via a wireless shared-communications channel on behalf of a host processor; and said host processor for determining that said first message is directed to a second processor, and for forwarding said first message to said second processor, wherein said second processor performs channel-access control for a second radio, and wherein said second radio communicates via said wireless shared-communications channel on behalf of said host processor.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sanh D. Phu whose telephone number is (571)272-7857. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th from 7:00-17:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew D. Anderson can be reached on (571) 272-4177. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew D. Anderson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Matthew D. Anderson
Supervisory Patent Examiner